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Annual Report

OF THE

TOWN OF STRAFFORD

New Hampshire

For the Year Ending

January 31, 1928

Annual Reports of the Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Strafford

For the Year Ending January 31, 1928

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Town Officers

Selectmen

Lewis J. Brown — Earle R. Tufts

Henry C. Soule

Treasurer

Chester R. Brown

Town Clerk

Clyde R. Cotton

Auditors

George L. Foss — Frank R. Jones

Tax Collector

Arthur R. Caverly

Moderator

Virgil I. Scribner

Supervisors

Ellsworth H. Berry — Elmer A. Scribner

Edson J. Clark

School Board

M. Corinne Tufts — Victor L. Caverly

Albert E. Foss

School Treasurer

Emma L. P. Foss

Trustees of Trust Funds

Charles F. Hill — Albert E. Foss

Fred A. Scruton

Library Trustees

Abbie F. Brown — Rilma Gray

Lucy S. Hill

Health Officer

Walter H. Babb

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Strafford on Tuesday, the 13th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation for the same.

3. To see if the Town will raise the sum of $6000 for highway and bridges.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid on highway as per articles to be read at Town Meeting.

5. To see if the Town will raise the sum of $400 for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.

6. To see what sum the Town will raise for Memorial Day.

7. To receive the report on cost and advisability of re-establishing the Range Lines and see what sum of money the Town will raise to carry into effect such action as may be taken.

8. To see if the Town will vote to make the following roads subject to gates and bars:

1. The so called Johnsonboro road.
2. The so called Mousam road.
3. The so called Pig Lane road.
4. Part of Whig Hill road from farm owned by Geo. P. Foss, to the Roberts' place.

9. To see if the Town will vote to buy a tractor and snow plow and appropriate money for the same.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this —— day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-eight.

LEWIS J. BROWN,
EARLE R. TUFTS,
HENRY C. SOULE,

Selectmen of Strafford

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LEWIS J. BROWN,
EARLE R. TUFTS,
HENRY C. SOULE,

Selectmen of Strafford

TOWN OFFICERS

BUDGET
of the Town of Strafford

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, February 1, 1928, to January 31, 1929, Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, February 1, 1927, to January 31, 1928.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Act. Rev. Prev. Yr. 1927	Est. Rev. Ens'g. Yr. 1928	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Savings bank tax,	$1,001 69	$1,001 69		
For fighting forest fires,	56 90	50 00		$6 90
For Highways:				
(a) For State aid maintenance,	1,067 84	1,247 47	$179 63	
(b) For Trunk line maintenance and snow removal,	1,897 25	2,400 00	502 75	
Interest and dividend tax,	12 67	12 67		
White Pine Blister Rust refund,	7 41			7 41
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
All licenses and permits except dog licenses,	765 42	800 00	34 58	
Rent of town hall and other buildings,	19 85	25 00	5 15	
Interest received on taxes and deposits,	181 00	200 00	19 00	
Income of departments: Highways, Sewers, etc.,	273 70	273 70		
From poll taxes,	458 00	950 00	492 00	
From other taxes except property taxes,				
National Bank stock,	13 00	13 00		

From State:				
For State aid highway construction,	$1,500 00	$1,500 00		
For Trunk line highway construction,	12,802 28	12,802 28		
For Trunk line unimproved,	119 50	131 34	$11 84	
Class 5 Highways,	676 34	676 34		
Amount Raised By Issue of Bonds or Notes:				
Rochester Trust Co.,	12,000 00	10,000 00		$2,200 00
Trustees of trust funds,	256 15			256 15
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes:	33,309 00	32,083 49	1,244 95	2,470 46
Amount raised by property taxes:	25,956 16			
Total revenues,	$59,265 16			$1,225 51

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Act. Ex. Prev. Yr. 1927	Est. Ex. Ens'g. Yr. 1928	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town officers' salaries,	$892 00	$1,200 00	$308 00	
Town officers' expenses,	356 61	400 00	43 39	
Care and supplies for Town Hall,	11 20	50 00	38 80	
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police department,	14 00	14 00		
Fire department,	3 50	150 00	146 50	
Health:				
Health department,	32 75	32 75		
Vital statistics,	5 00	5 00		
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance:				
State's contribution,	1,067 84	1,247 47	179 63	
Town's contribution,	1,067 83	1,247 46	179 63	

Trunk Line Maintenance:				
State's contribution,	$1,852 75	$2,400 00	$547 25	
Town's contribution,	1,235 17	1,392 38	157 21	
Town maintenance,	7,274 23	7,274 23		
General expense of highway department,	299 00	299 00		
Education:				
Libraries,	42 30	42 30		
Charities:				
Town poor,	45 00	45 00		
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day and other celebrations,	75 00	75 00		
Interest:				
On long term notes,	580 00	900 00	320 00	
On principal of trust funds used by town,	232 15	285 15	53 00	
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:				
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Construction,				
Trunk line uninimproved,	239 00	262 68	23 68	
State Aid Construction:				
State's contribution,	1,500 00	1,500 00		
Town's contribution,	1,582.45	1,500 00		$82 45
Trunk Line Construction:				
State's contribution,	12,802 28	12,802 28		
Town's contribution,	10,401 14	8,401 14		2,000 00
Indebtedness:				
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
Long term notes,	5,900 00	5,000 00		900 00
Payment to Sinking Funds:	250 00			250 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:				
State taxes,	1,680 10	1,680 10		
County taxes,	1,436 31	1,436 31		
Payments to school districts,	6,382 20	11,012 80	4,630 60	
Total expenditures,	$57,259 81	$60,655 05	$6,627 69	$3,232 45

Selectmen's Report

Valuation of Town of Strafford, April 1, 1927

Lands and buildings,		$572,292 00
Horses,	154	15,815 00
Oxen,	2	175 00
Cows,	247	13,280 00
Neat stock,	78	3,090 00
Sheep,	170	1,130 00
Hogs,	3	60 00
Fowls,	3,290	3,290 00
Fur bearing animals,	7	700 00
Portable mills,	2	1,600 00
Wood, lumber, etc.,		16,760 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks,	8	1,200 00
Stock in trade,		6,850 00
Aqueducts,		1,000 00
Mills and machinery,		3,650 00
Polls,	352	
Total valuation,		$640,892 00
Amount of taxes,		$26,673 16

Rate, $4.05.

Appropriations for 1927

State tax,	$1,680 10
County tax,	1,436 31
Town expenses,	1,700 00
Highways and bridges,	6,000 00
Trunk line construction,	3,000 00
State aid maintenance,	900 00
Trunk line maintenance,	1,200 00

Trunk line unimproved,	$200 00
Town debt,	1,000 00
Memorial Day,	75 00
State aid bridge,	1,000 00
Schools,	9,395 00
Total appropriations,	$27,586 41

Town Officers' Salaries

1927			
Feb.	5	L. J. Brown, services in part,	$15 00
		E. R. Tufts, services in part,	15 00
Mar.	5	H. C. Soule, balance for 1926,	27 00
		L. J. Brown, balance for 1926,	12 00
		G. L. Foss, auditor 1927,	6 00
		F. R. Jones, auditor 1927,	6 00
		E. R. Tufts, balance for 1926,	12 00
Apr.	2	H. C. Soule, services in part,	10 00
May	7	L. J. Brown, services in part,	50 00
		H. C. Soule, services in part,	15 00
		Clyde Cotton, services in part,	12 50
June	4	H. C. Soule, services in part,	25 00
July	2	E. R. Tufts, services in part,	50 00
		A. R. Caverly, for collecting taxes, 1926,	85 00
		A. R. Caverly, services in part,	50 00
Oct.	1	H. C. Soule, services in part,	20 00
Nov.	5	H. C. Soule, services in part,	10 00
1928			
Jan.	31	Chester R. Brown, treasurer,	75 00
		H. C. Soule, services in part,	72 50
		L. J. Brown, services in part,	108 50
		E. R. Tufts, services in part,	93 00
		Clyde Cotton, services in part,	37 50
		A. R. Caverly, services in part,	85 00
			$892 00

Town Officers' Expenses

1927		
Feb. 5	L. J. Brown, use of auto,	$3 50
Mar. 5	E. A. Foss, treasurer of trust fund expenses,	6 50
	E. C. Eastman, supplies,	14 25
	New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	40
	E. R. Tufts,	7 50
Apr. 2	E. C. Eastman, jury notices,	1 00
May 7	New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	40
	Clyde Cotton, auto permits,	13 25
	Clyde Cotton, stationery,	5 00
	E. C. Eastman, tags and hooks,	7 68
June 4	E. C. Eastman, tax and cash book,	7 65
	Record Press, 1926 reports,	116 00
July 2	Ayers & Jenkins, supplies,	85
Aug. 6	New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	20
	A. W. Rowell, N. H. Assessors,	2 00
Nov. 5	E. C. Eastman, note book,	5 00
1928		
Jan. 7	C. F. Hill, supplies,	10 72
	Auto Service Bureau, manual,	3 24
31	E. C. Eastman, permit book,	1 62
	Chester R. Brown, stamps, etc.,	3 00
	H. C. Soule,	17 25
	L. J. Brown,	30 10
	E. R. Tufts,	56 00
	Clyde Cotton, auto permits,	43 50
		$356 61

Town Hall

1927		
Feb. 5	Harry Murry, labor,	$7 00
Apr. 2	James Sanborn, cutting bushes,	4 20
		$11 20

Police Department

1927			
Feb.	5	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	$6 00
July	2	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	2 00
Oct.	1	E. A. Scribner, keeping tramps,	6 00
			$14 00

Fire Department

1927			
Aug.	6	Town of Northwood, fire at B. Roberts,	$3 50

Damage by Dogs

1927			
Dec.	3	E. K. Clark,	$12 00
		John A. Sewards,	7 00
		Geo. P. Foss,	175 00
1928			
Jan.	31	H. C. Soule,	2 50
		L. J. Brown,	4 50
		Clyde R. Cotton,	15 00
			$216 00

Health Department

1927			
Jan.	5	Walter Babb,	$4 00
Mar.	5	Ainslie's Drug Co.,	3 75
		Walter Babb,	10 00
Nov.	5	Walter Babb,	5 00
		Walter Babb,	10 00
			$32 75

Vital Statistics

1927		
May 7	Clyde R. Cotton,	$3 05
1928		
Jan. 31	Clyde R. Cotton,	1 95
		$5 00

State Aid Maintenance

	Pay rolls for 1927,	$1,127 60

Trunk Line Maintenance

	Pay rolls for 1927,	$1,437 41

Town Highways and Bridges

1927		
Feb. 5	A. C. Berry,	$10 50
	E. K. Clark,	27 30
	A. B. Preston,	17 00
	J. M. Felker,	57 60
	M. W. Brock,	19 00
	C. C. Scruton,	2 62
	Moses Durgin,	14 75
	W. H. Gerrish,	122 67
	A. E. Brown,	12 50
	Joseph Mason,	10 00
	E. A. Scribner,	11 43
	W. J. Rowe,	16 60
	A. M. Leighton,	46 90
Mar. 5	A. H. Tasker,	85 60
	Harold Tasker,	13 35
	F. H. Moores,	9 00
	E. J. Evans,	11 70
	Forrest Harvey,	63 30

Mar.	5	A. C. Berry,	$30 00
		Moses Durgin,	29 60
		J. E. Sewards,	2 70
		E. K. Clark,	75 00
		R. Lindburg,	4 50
		M. W. Brock,	84 60
		A. B. Preston,	46 58
		C. C. Scruton,	24 23
		J. M. Felker,	173 90
		E. R. Tufts,	204 70
		E. B. Allen,	32 85
		F. O. Caswell,	128 80
		Joseph Mason,	74 80
		H. P. Whitcher,	11 10
		H. P. Whitcher, stringers,	10 00
		H. C. Soule,	5 70
		L. J. Brown,	62 40
		Arthur Brown,	25 00
		E. J. Clark,	79 05
		A. M. Leighton,	149 90
		E. A. Scribner,	17 65
		W. J. Rowe,	38 95
Apr.	2	W. J. Rowe,	17 80
		A. H. Tasker,	19 35
		Harold Tasker,	32 90
		Forrest Harvey,	16 10
		Arthur E. Brown,	12 00
		Moses Durgin,	105 65
		A. M. Leighton,	48 00
		C. F. Garland, winter road,	10 00
		Clarence Parsons, winter road,	10 00
		C. C. Scruton,	70 15
		J. M. Felker,	40 50
		C. H. Pinkham, winter road,	10 00
		Willis Cates, winter road,	10 00
		A. C. Berry,	81 90

Apr.	2	H. C. Soule,	$8 40
		Lewis Hanson,	9 00
		E. J. Clark,	21 15
		Town of Northwood,	108 75
		E. R. Tufts,	4 90
		Joseph Mason,	15 30
May	7	W. J. Rowe,	80 85
		A. B. Preston,	37 55
		A. C. Mead,	6 00
		J. M. Felker,	162 00
		G. E. Rewitzer,	7 65
		E. K. Clark,	25 65
		A. L. Foss,	58 60
		C. C. Scruton,	19 95
		M. W. Brock,	75 30
		H. R. Foss,	9 00
		Sarah Evans, winter road,	20 00
		Hannah Foss, winter road,	10 00
		E. R. Tufts,	24 80
		Joseph Mason,	86 90
		N. E. Metal Co.,	86 83
		H. C. Soule,	111 15
		E. J. Clark,	58 10
		A. E. Brown,	12 60
		Dyer Sales Machinery Co.,	12 29
		Moses Durgin,	83 05
		Forrest Harvey,	131 95
		A. R. Tasker,	21 15
		F. O. Caswell,	591 45
		Clyde Cotton,	4 50
		Harold Caverly,	10 50
		A. M. Leighton,	38 65
	28	E. Wiggin,	6 12
June	4	E. K. Clark,	130 00
		Dyer Sales Machinery Co.,	5 29
		A. C. Mead,	30

June	4	A. B. Preston,	$12 25
		Joseph Mason,	20 70
		E. R. Tufts,	18 20
		W. J. Rowe,	6 85
		A. M. Leighton,	88 10
		H. C. Soule,	7 10
		H. P. Whitcher, stringers,	7 50
July	2	John Mayo,	21 30
		John Felker,	103 90
		Oscar Hall,	7 00
		Joseph Mason,	18 64
		E. R. Tufts,	100 40
		W. C. DeMerritt,	55 30
		H. C. Soule,	9 70
		L. J. Brown,	3 50
		Carlton Lakeman,	18 00
		Arthur Tasker,	61 85
		Harold Tasker,	21 30
		Forrest Harvey,	12 90
		E. A. Scribner,	71 40
		W. J. Rowe,	149 60
		W. J. Rowe,	56 80
		A. M. Leighton,	27 00
		C. R. Brown, stringers,	10 00
		A. M. Leighton, drag,	5 00
Aug.	6	M. W. Brock,	6 50
		L. J. Brown,	16 00
		H. C. Soule,	228 38
		A. M. Leighton,	45 40
		Carl Anderson,	53 00
Sept.	3	E. K. Clark,	55 50
		C. C. Scruton,	2 00
		H. C. Soule,	58 20
		W. C. DeMerritt,	17 40
		W. J. Rowe,	11 80
		A. B. Preston,	13 85

Sept.	3	Carl Anderson,	$43 40
		E. W. Hill, gravel,	12 50
Oct.	1	A. B. Preston,	34 75
		M. W. Brock,	26 10
		A. C. Mead,	2 00
		N. E. Metal Co.,	15 40
		Carl Anderson,	46 20
		Berger Culvert Co.,	18 82
		H. C. Soule,	27 45
		W. J. Rowe,	2 50
Nov.	5	J. F. Varney,	10 00
		M. W. Brock,	2 70
		W. J. Rowe,	2 50
		W. C. DeMerritt,	25 50
		C. R. Brown, stringers,	12 00
		H. P. Whitcher,	48 64
		H. C. Soule,	13 00
		Carl Anderson,	24 60
Dec.	3	W. J. Rowe,	12 80
		Moses Durgin,	12 70
		H. R. Foss,	1 05
		A. M. Leighton,	23 40
		E. K. Clark,	5 40
		J. M. Felker,	91 60
		Carl Anderson,	22 42
		F. H. Moores,	15 00
		H. R. Tasker,	37 65
		H. C. Soule,	18 60
		Frank Halliday,	24 61
		Forrest Harvey,	21 00
		Clyde Cotton,	1 86
		F. O. Caswell,	113 00
Jan.	7	C. H. Pinkham,	9 60
		H. P. Hanson,	12 00
		A. B. Preston,	15 45
		C. F. Hill, plank,	208 76

Jan.	7	Good Road Machinery Co., 1,000 ft. snow fences,	$112 99
		F. H. Gray,	37 00
		A. M. Leighton,	14 80
		E. R. Tufts,	16 00
		E. C. Foss Co.,	6 70
		Carl Anderson,	21 00
	31	Town of Northwood,	88 50
		E. R. Tufts,	9 00
		E. R. Tufts,	32 00
		L. J. Brown,	24 40
		Forrest Harvey,	9 20
		A. C. Berry,	9 50
		H. C. Soule,	12 00
			$7,274 23

General Expense Highway Department

Aug.	6	Charles W. Varney, insurance,	$277 32
Nov.	5	Fred W. Jones, housing tools,	4 00
Jan.	7	C. M. Hill, supplies,	17 68
			$299 00

Libraries

Dec.	3	Abbie F. Brown,	$42 30

Town Poor

Jan.	31	Joel W. Steward, balance on burial of George Abbott,	$45 00

Memorial Day Exercises

May	7	A. M. Leighton,	$75 00

Interest

Apr.	2	Treasurer Trust Funds,	$10 15
		Rochester Trust Co.,	160 00
May	7	Rochester Trust Co.,	42 50
June	4	Treasurer Trust Funds,	50 00
July	2	Treasurer Trustees Trust Funds,	8 00
Oct.	1	Rochester Trust Co.,	160 00
		Treasurer Trustees Trust Funds,	4 00
Nov.	5	Etta J. Berry,	65 00
		E. H. Berry,	35 00
		Rochester Trust Co.,	42 50
Dec.	3	Rochester Trust Co.,	25 00
	30	Rochester Trust Co.,	50 00
Jan.	7	Treasurer Trustees Trust Funds,	160 00
			$812 15

State Aid Bridge

	Pay rolls,	$2,447 33

Trunk Line Construction

	Pay rolls,	$21,728 17

Trunk Line Unimproved

	Pay rolls,	$310 70

Indebtedness Payments

Apr.	2	Rochester Trust Co., savings department, trust funds on deposit,	$250 00
Jan.	31	Rochester Trust Co., notes,	5,900 00
			$6,150 00

State and County Tax

Dec. 3	Frank R. Bliss, county tax,	$1,436 31
Dec. 17	Henry E. Chamberlain,	1,680 10
		$3,116 41

Schools

Apr. 2	Emma L. P. Foss,	$500 00
May 7	Emma L. P. Foss,	1,000 00
June 4	Emma L. P. Foss, dog tax,	182 20
	Emma L. P. Foss,	700 00
Oct. 1	Emma L. P. Foss,	1,500 00
Nov. 5	Emma L. P. Foss,	1,500 00
Dec. 3	Emma L. P. Foss,	1,000 00
		$6,382 20

Joint Highway Accounts for 1927

TRUNK LINE CONSTRUCTION

	State	Town	Total
Appropriation, 1927,	$6,000 00	$3,000 00	$9,000 00
Extra appropriation,	6,802 28	3,401 14	10,203 42
Expended,	$12,802 28	$6,401 14	$19,203 42

STATE AID BRIDGE

	State	Town	Total
Expended,	$1,500 00	$1,582 45	$3,082 45

TRUNK LINE MAINTENANCE

	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1926,	$341 32	$227 55	$568 87
Appropriation, 1927,	1,800 00	1,200 00	3,000 00
Total fund,	$2,141 32	$1,427 55	$3,568 87
Expended,	1,852 75	1,235 17	3,087 92
Balance for 1928,	$288 57	$192 38	$480 95

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1926,	$347 47	$347 46	$694 93
Appropriation, 1927,	900 00	900 00	1,800 00
Total fund,	$1,247 47	$1,247 46	$2,494 93
Expended,	1,067 84	1,067 83	2,135 67
Balance for 1928,	$179 63	$179 63	$359 26

UNIMPROVED TRUNK LINE

	State	Town	Total
Balance from 1926,	$50 84	$50 84	$101 68
Appropriation, 1927,	200 00	200 00	400 00
Total fund,	$250 84	$250 84	$501 68
Expended,	119 50	119 50	239 00
Balance for 1928,	$131 34	$131 34	$262 68

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

Cash on hand, February 1, 1927,	$5,233 37
Total receipts,	52,434 61
Grand total,	$57,667 98

Payments

Total payments,	$52,778 56
Cash on hand, January 31, 1928,	4,889 42
Grand total,	$57,667 98
Sinking funds on deposit at Rochester Trust Co., Savings Dept.,	$706 65

CHESTER R. BROWN,

Treasurer

DETAIL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Taxes for Current Year:

July	2	A. R. Caverly,	$2,046 84
	15	A. R. Caverly,	1,377 00
Aug.	6	A. R. Caverly,	421 17
Sept.	3	A. R. Caverly,	533 43
Oct.	1	A. R. Caverly,	351 39
	26	A. R. Caverly,	809 67
Nov.	5	A. R. Caverly,	511 81
	26	A. R. Caverly,	1,539 59
	26	A. R. Caverly,	158 13
Dec.	3	A. R. Caverly,	6,012 50

1928			
Jan.	7	A. R. Caverly,	$3,657 52
	31	A. R. Caverly,	2,409 56
Total,			$19,828 61
Taxes for Previous Year:			
Feb.	5	A. R. Caverly,	$306 64
Mar.	5	A. R. Caverly,	1,228 08
April	2	A. R. Caverly,	1,712 40
May	7	A. R. Caverly,	322 91
June	4	A. R. Caverly,	321 87
July	2	A. R. Caverly,	883 88
		Interest on 1926 taxes,	181 00
Total,			$4,966 78
From State for Highways:			
July	2	State treasurer, Trunk line snow removal,	$44 50
Aug.	6	State treasurer, For class 5 highways,	676 34
Oct.	1	State treasurer, Trunk line construction,	2,500 00
Nov.	9	State treasurer, Trunk line construction,	3,500 00
1928			
Jan.	16	State treasurer,	
		Trunk line construction,	4,827 43
		State aid maintenance,	58 81
		Trunk line maintenance,	315 58
		Trunk line unimproved,	101 50
		State Aid Bridge,	754 87
Total,			$12,779 03

From State for Other Purposes:

Aug. 6	State treasurer, Forest fire bill,	$56 90
Dec. 15	State treasurer, White Pine Blister refund,	7 41
Dec. 31	State treasurer, Interest and dividend tax,	12 67
Jan. 31	State treasurer, Savings bank tax,	1,001 69
Total,		$1,078 67

Dog Licenses:

May 7	Clyde R. Cotton,	$29 40
June 4	Clyde R. Cotton,	22 20
July 2	Clyde R. Cotton,	22 80
Aug. 6	Clyde R. Cotton,	10 80
Sept. 6	Clyde R. Cotton,	33 60
Nov. 5	Clyde R. Cotton,	66 60
Jan. 7	Clyde R. Cotton,	81 00
Total,		$266 40

Other Licenses and Permits:

Mar. 5	Clyde R. Cotton, 1927 auto permits,	$55 08
April 2	Clyde R. Cotton, 1927 auto permits,	82 04
May 7	Clyde R. Cotton, 1927 auto permits,	100 66
June 4	Clyde R. Cotton, 1927 auto permits,	78 67
July 11	Clyde R. Cotton, 1927 auto permits,	77 11
Aug. 6	Clyde R. Cotton, 1927 auto permits,	13 71
Sept. 6	Clyde R. Cotton, 1927 auto permits,	82

Nov.	5	Clyde R. Cotton, 1927 auto permits,	$11 33
1928			
Jan.	7	A. C. Mead, pistol permit,	25
	7	Clyde R. Cotton, 1927 auto permits,	1 53
	7	Clyde R. Cotton, 1928 auto permits,	310 83
	31	Dr. Cleary, pistol permit,	25
	31	Clyde R. Cotton, 1928 auto permits,	33 14
Total,			$765 42

Rent of Town Hall:

Aug.	6	Austin Cate Academy,	$17 85
Jan.	7	Bernice M. Hill,	2 00
Total,			$19 85

Refunds:

Jan.	7	L. J. Brown, overdraw on State aid bridge,	$112 00
Jan.	7	E. R. Tufts, overdraw on trunk line construction,	158 70
Total,			$270 70

Shingles:

Feb.	5	School board,	$3 00

Term Notes:

April	2	A. E. Foss, trust fund,	$250 00
April	2	Interest above,	6 15
June	4	Rochester Trust Co.,	1,000 00
	24	Rochester Trust Co.,	2,000 00
Sept.	15	Rochester Trust Co.,	1,000 00
Oct.	1	Rochester Trust Co.,	4,200 00

Oct. 10	Rochester Trust Co.,	$2,000 00
Nov. 5	Rochester Trust Co.,	2,000 00
Total,		$12,456 15

Statement of Assets

Cash in hands of treasurer,	$4,889 42
Cash belonging to sinking funds,	706 65
Accounts due to Town:	
Joint highway accounts, unexpended balances in State treasury,	599 54
Other bills due town,	34 50
Taxes not collected:	
Levy of 1927,	$6,844 55
Bridge plank on hand,	300 00
Shingles on hand,	10 50
Total assets,	$13,385 16
Net debt,	13,880 93
Grand total,	$27,266 09
Increase of debt for highway construction,	$7,426 04

Statement of Liabilities

Accounts Owed by Town:	
Due to Schools, dog licenses,	$50 40
Balance of 1927 appropriation,	3,012 80
State and Town Joint Highway Accounts:	
Unexpended balance in State Treasury,	599 54
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury,	503 35
Notes outstanding for highway construction,	16,400 00
Trust funds, amount of principal used by town,	6,700 00
Total liabilities,	$27,266 09
Grand total,	$27,266 09

Summary of Receipts

From Local Taxes:	
Current year,	$19,828 61
Previous year,	4,966 78
Total,	$24,795 39
From State:	
For highways,	$12,779 03
For other purposes,	1,078 67
	$13,857 70
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog licenses,	$266 40
Other licenses and permits,	765 42
Rent of town hall,	19 85
Refunds,	270 70
Shingles,	3 00
	$1,325 37
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
Term notes,	$12,456 15
Total receipts from all sources,	$52,434 61
Cash on hand, February 1, 1927,	5,233 37
Grand total,	$57,667 98

Summary of All Payments

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries,	$892 00
Town officers' expenses,	356 61
Town hall,	11 20
	$1,259 81

Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police department,	$14 00
Fire department,	3 50
Damage by dogs,	216 00
	$233 50
Health and Sanitation:	
Health department,	$32 75
Vital statistics,	5 00
	$37 75
Highways and Bridges:	
State aid maintenance,	$1,127 60
Trunk line maintenance,	1,437 41
Town maintenance,	
Summer,	4,759 26
Winter,	2,514 97
General expense of department,	299 00
	$10,138 24
Education:	
Libraries,	$42 30
Charities:	
Town poor,	$45 00
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day exercises,	$75 00
Interest,	$812 15
New Construction and Improvements:	
State aid bridge,	$2,447 33
Trunk line construction,	21,728 17
Trunk line unimproved,	310 70
	$24,486 20
Indebtedness Payments:	
Term notes and sinking funds,	$6,150 00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:	
State and County tax,	$3,116 41
Schools,	6,382 20
	$9,498 61
Total payments for all purposes,	$52,778 56
Cash on hand, January 31, 1928,	4,889 42
Grand total,	$57,667 98

List of Town Property

Town hall, land and buildings,	$3,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	200 00
Highway Department:	
Equipment,	1,000 00
Materials and supplies,	300 00
Schools, land and buildings,	10,000 00
Equipments,	1,500 00
Total,	$16,000 00

Town Clerk's Report

Automobile Taxes

Automobile tax received on 222 cars,		$762 98
Overpaid treasurer,		1 94
Paid Chester Brown, treasurer,	$764 92	
	$764 92	$764 92

Dog Taxes

Received licenses on 106 dogs,		$281 00
Overpaid treasurer,		6 60
Paid C. R. Cotton, collecting fees on 106 dogs,	$21 20	
Paid Chester Brown, treasurer,	266 40	
	$287 60	$287 60

CLYDE R. COTTON,

Town Clerk.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Library Trustees for the year ended January 31, 1928. That in our opinion, the accompanying Statements of these Town Officers prop-

erly set forth the financial condition of the Town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ended January 31, 1928.

FRANK R. JONES,
GEO. L. FOSS,

Town Auditors.

Strafford, N. H., February 8, 1928.

Report of the Trust Funds

Of the Town of Strafford for Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1928

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALBERT E. FOSS,
CHARLES F. HILL,
FRED A. SCRUTON,

Trustees.

January 6, 1928.

DATE OF CREATION	TRUST FUNDS—PURPOSE OF CREATION All trust funds should be reported separately giving name of fund and donor.	HOW INVESTED State character and rate of return for each investment. State also if funds were "borrowed or used for city or town purposes." and indicate whether notes have been used as required by Chapter 42, Sec. 22, Public Laws.	AMOUNT OF PRINCIPAL	Rate of Interest	Bal. of Income on Hand at Beginning of Yr.	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
1866	Austin Fund given by Austin	Town Notes	$4,000	4		$160.00	$160.00	
	Lavina Young Fund Given by Lavina Young	Town Notes	1,000	4		40.00	40.00	
1917	M. J. Wain Fund Given by M. J. Wain	Town Notes	400	4	$69.05		13.70	$55.35
June 7, 1919	Betsy Welch Fund Given by Betsy Welch	Town Notes	200	4	40.00	8.00	20.40	27.60
July 3, 1920	Nancy Perkins Fund Given by Nancy Perkins	Town Notes	100	4	26.00	4.00		30.00
Oct. 1, 1921	Betsy Hawkins Fund Given by Betsy Hawkins	Town Notes	100	4	11.33	4.00		15.33
Nov. 5, 1921	Samuel Jenness Fund Given by Ida M. Jenness	Town Notes	100	3½	3.35	3.50	3.00	3.85
Jan. 7, 1922	Abbie Seavey Fund Given by Abbie Seavey	Town Notes	100	3½	14.71			14.71

Jan. 6, 1925	Paul Hayes Fund Given by Chas. Hayes	Town Notes	50	4	2.00	2.00	4.00	
July 6, 1925	John Babb Fund Given by Jennie Babb	Town Notes	100	4	4.00	4.00		8.00
Jan. 14, 1927	Demeritt Place Fund Given by Ella Place Waterhouse	Town Notes	200	3½				
Apr. 3, 1926	Asa Perkins Fund Given by Abbie A. Caverly	Town Notes	100	4		4.00		4.00
Apr. 2, 1927	Eliza Garfield Fund Given by Eliza Garfield	Town Notes	150	4		4.15		4.15
Apr. 2, 1927	J. W. Jewell Fund Given by J. W. Jewell	Town Notes	100	4		2.00		2.00
			$6,700		$170.44	$235.65	$241.10	$164.99

Report of Library Trustees

Money on hand,	$1 16
Received from town,	42 30
	$43 46
Paid Out:	
Librarian's salary,	$10 00
Books for library,	29 80
Cash on hand,	3 66
	$43 46

ABBIE FRANCES BROWN,

Chairman.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

Number of Books Taken Out

Centre,	875
Books loaned Bow Lake branch,	100
Whole number added for the year,	22
Whole number of books in library,	1200

MARY ELLEN FOSS,

Librarian.

Report of School Board

For the Year Ending June 30, 1927

Salaries

Abbie F. Brown, clerk, 1925-1926,	$3 00
A. E. Foss, member school board,	50 00
M. Corinne Tufts, member school board,	50 00
V. L. Caverly, member school board,	50 00
Emma L. P. Foss, treasurer school district,	50 00
Abbie F. Brown, clerk, 1926-27,	3 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	358 14
Total,	$564 14

Teachers

Arlene S. Edwards, 36 weeks,	$900 00
Francis Towle, 36 weeks,	720 00
Glenna Eaton, 36 weeks,	900 00
Sheila Bunnell, 36 weeks,	720 00
Irene Harvey, 36 weeks,	720 00
May P. Hall, 8 weeks and 1 day,	164 00
Viola Howarth, 27 weeks and 4 days,	579 07
Total,	$4,703 07

Janitor Service

Arlene Edmonds, 36 weeks,	$36 00
Francis Towle, 36 weeks,	36 00
Viola Howarth, 27 weeks and 4 days,	27 80
May P. Hall, 8 weeks and 1 day,	8 20
Glenna Eaton, 9 weeks,	9 00

Walter Heath, 36 weeks,	$36 00
Irene Harvey, 36 weeks,	36 00
Henry R. Foss, 27 weeks,	65 70
Total,	$254 70

School Supplies

E. E. Babb, text books,	$13 84
E. E. Babb, scholars' supplies,	144 31
Current Events, scholars' supplies,	9 45
Farmington News, printing,	2 50
Longman Green & Co., text books,	19 03
Silver, Burdett & Co., text books,	13 32
Little, Brown & Co., text books,	36 00
L. B. Canney, Government of N. H.,	14 18
The John Winston Co., text books,	20 63
The Arlo Publishing Co., text books,	26 69
Houghton, Mifflin Co.,	17 41
Total,	$317 36

Repairs on School Houses

Ayers & Junkins, supplies,	$6 95
Charles Foss, work,	11 88
Victor Caverly, work,	48 50
Bessie Parshley, cleaning,	4 50
E. A. Foss, work,	7 95
W. J. Rowe, work and cleaning,	10 50
C. A. Hall, work,	3 00
Eugene Foss & Co., paint,	21 96
Marston Brock, work,	22 00
Hiram Berry, cleaning vault,	1 00
Mrs. Grover Lingard, cleaning,	4 00
Mrs. Harry Howard, cleaning,	1 00
Geo. P. Foss, 100 lbs nails,	9 00

Lewis Heath, work,	$1 50
Henry Parshley, work,	6 50
Harry Murrey, work,	12 00
A. B. Preston, setting glass,	50
Town of Strafford, ½ M. shingles,	3 00
H. P. Whitcher, lumber,	8 61
Rochester Lumber Co., door,	5 20
C. H. Hill & Sons, paint, glass, etc.,	32 70
Henry R. Foss, cleaning vault,	1 00
C. C. Sanborn, expenses,	7 84
Total,	$231 09

Alteration of Old Buildings

George P. Foss, 14 M. shingles,	$91 00
Victor L. Caverly, repairs,	60 25
Rochester Lumber Co.,	32 14
Charles Hall, work on repairs,	33 00
Marston Brock, work on repairs,	10 40
Eugene Foss & Co., paint, etc.,	7 20
Albert Covey, funnel,	2 00
Harry Murrey, repairs,	18 50
George P. Foss, sheathing strips,	3 72
Total,	$258 21

Transportation of Pupils

Clarence Griffin, 36 weeks,	$432 00
Grace Brown, 36 weeks,	504 00
Alice Tasker, 36 weeks,	400 00
A. B. Preston, 36 weeks,	292 00
Total,	$1,628 00

Fuel

Marston Brock, 5¼ cords fitted wood,	$63 00
Frank Hilton, 1 cord fitted wood,	12 00
Clyde Cotton, 2 cords slabs,	14 00
A. E. Foss, 2 cords fitted wood and kindlings,	29 30
H. P. Witcher, 10¾ cords fitted wood and 1 load slabs,	114 00
V. L. Caverly, 4 cords fitted wood,	48 00
V. L. Caverly, work on slabs,	3 00
Sumner Hayes, fitting wood,	50
F. J. Berry, ½ cord slabs,	2 50
A. B. Preston, 4 cords fitted wood,	48 00
Total,	$334 30

Miscellaneous

Expenses of administration,	$75 35
Truant officer and school census,	19 40
Flags and appurtenances,	16 43
Other expenses of instruction,	7 15
Janitors' supplies,	32 16
Medical inspection,	50 00
New equipment,	39 95
George E. Ferrend, per capita tax,	350 00
Total,	$590 44

Total Expenses for the Year Ending June 30, 1927

Salaries district officers and superintendent,	$564 14
Teachers, 36 weeks,	4,703 07
Janitor service,	254 70
Fuel,	334 30
Transportation,	1,628 00
School supplies,	317 36
Repairs and alterations on school buildings,	489 30

High school tuition,	$2,410 00
Miscellaneous,	590 44
Total,	$11,291 31

Revenue for Year Ending June 30, 1927

Cash on hand July 1, 1927,	$1,362 19	
From:		
C. R. Brown, town treasurer,	7,000 00	
State aid,	2,699 48	
Nellie Abbott, over pay,	42 00	
Rochester Municipal Court,	10 00	
Caswell Schoolhouse,	300 00	
Tuition Stanley Tibbets,	45 00	
Dog tax,	182 20	
Young fund,	40 00	
Error on check,	80	
Total,	$11,681 67	
Balance June 30, 1927,		$390 36
		$11,681 67

Report of School Treasurer

For the Year Ending June 30, 1927

Cash on hand July 1, 1926,	$1,362 19
Received from Nellie Abbott for two weeks overpay,	42 00
Received from Rochester Municipal Court,	10 00
Received from E. Winnifred Hawks for Caswell Schoolhouse,	300 00
Received from Barrington for tuition,	45 00
Received from town treasurer, appropriation for schools,	7,000 00
Received from town treasurer, appropria,	
Received from Albert E. Foss, Young fund,	40 00
Received from state treasurer,	2,699 48
Received correction on check No. 1384,	80
	$11,681 67
Amount paid out,	11,291 31
Amount in treasury July 1, 1927,	$390 36

EMMA L. P. FOSS,
School Treasurer.

Center Strafford, N. H., July 2, 1927.

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board and those of the treasurer of the school district of Strafford and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Signed,
CHESTER W. DOE,
INESS V. STILES,
Auditors.

Budget for 1928-29

School District of Strafford

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1. 1928.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:	
Teachers' salaries,	$5,000 00
Text books,	175 00
Scholars' supplies,	175 00
Flags and appurtenances,	15 00
Other expenses of instruction,	10 00
Janitor service,	270 00
Fuel,	350 00
Water, light, janitors' supplies,	30 00
Minor repairs and expenses,	180 00
Health supervision (medical inspection),	50 00
Transportation of pupils,	2,124 00
Other special activities,	100 00
	$8,479 00
Other Statutory Requirements:	
Salaries of district officers,	$204 00
Truant officer and school census,	20 00
Payment of tuitions in high schools and academies,	2,500 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	300 00

Per capita tax,	$306 00
Other obligations,	50 00
	$3,380 00
Total amount required to meet school board's budget,	$11,859 00

Estimated Income of District

State aid,	$3,654 93	
Income from trust funds,	40 00	
Total estimated income,		$3,694 93
Assessment required to balance school board's budget,		$8,164 07

Special Appropriations Proposed—Articles in Warrant

New equipment,	$50 00
Total assessment required to cover budget and appropriations,	$8,214 07

ALBERT E. FOSS,
VICTOR L. CAVERLY,
M. CORINNE TUFTS,

School Board.

Strafford, N. H., February 3, 1928.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1928

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Male or Female	Liv. or Stillborn	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color of Parents	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Age of Father	Age of Mother
1927															
Apr. 17	Strafford	Eleanor May	F	L	3	All White	Arthur W. Brace	Elsie M Woodman	All White	Strafford	Farmer	Milton, Vt.	Durham	26	27
May 3	Strafford	Hazel Carolyn	F	L	3		Carl E. Anderson	Helen Wainerright		Strafford	Farmer	Winchester, Ms.	Worcester, Ms.	31	25
June 13	Strafford		F	L	2		Lau'ce W. Brown	Ethel Rudd		Strafford	Shoe Operative	Strafford	Somerville	31	27

Marriages Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1928

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marriages	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married
1927 Feb. 5	Strafford	Fred L. Tibbetts	Strafford	31	White	Mill Worker	Limington, Me.	Clarence Tibbetts Isabelle Malloy	E. Rochester Limington, Me	Retired	1	Rev. John T. Clow Strafford
		Augusta Howard	Strafford	23	All	At Home	Strafford	Harry W Howard Sadie G. Eaton	Strafford Strafford	Surveyor	1	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Strafford, N. H., for the Year Ending January 31, 1928

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex	Color	Sin., Mar., Wid.	Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease, or Cause of Death
			Years	Months	Days						Father	Mother			
1927															
Feb. 2	Strafford	Alvin E. Thomas	62	2	2	Dexter, Me.	M		M	Teacher	England	England	Edward Thomas	Sarah Thomas	Cancer of Liver
3	Strafford	Edith V. Pray	39	2	12	Mt. Pl's't. I.	F		M	Housewife					Pulmonary Embolism
12	Strafford	Ellen Pinkham	72	1	16	Barnstead	F		M	Housewife		Barnstead	Paul Canney	Eliza Hanson	Cardiac Disease
Mar. 13	Strafford	Ella M. Foss	76	6	15	Strafford	F		M	Housewife	Strafford		Ebenezer Smith	Mary Smith	Coma (Diabetic)
18	Strafford	Mary Whiteh'se	72	2	16	Rochester	F		W	Housewife	Rochester	New Durham	Chas. E. Jenkins	Adeline E. Jenkins	Broncho Pnuemonia
May 22	Strafford	Jane R. Rowe	83	4	27	Que., Can.	F		W		Ireland	Ireland	William Robinson	Marg't Morehead	Chronic Myocarditis
June 2	Strafford	John A. Conley	75			Ireland	M		W	Retired	Ireland	Ireland	John Conley	Marg't Chronan	Cerebral Hemorrhage
July 30	Strafford	Agnes H. Caverly	29			Barrington	F		M	Housewife		Barrington		Alice Hall	Suicide
Oct. 12	Strafford	Lizzie G. Fuller	56	7	7	Fairb't, M.	F		S		Duxbury, Ms.		Joshua Fuller	Lizzie Rider	Chronic Endocarditis
12	Strafford	Emma E. Morrill	69	9	17	Barrington	F		W		Barrington	Strafford	Moses Hanson	Eliza Hanson	Diabetes
Nov. 11	Strafford	John T. Clow	61	1	28	England	M		M	Minister	England	England	John T. Clow		Angina Pectoris
11	Strafford	Ada T. DeMeritt	20	3	20		F		M	Housewife			Timothy Fuller	Evelyn Costigan	Acute Gastritis
24	Strafford	Daniel Avery	83		6	Barnstead	M		W	Farmer	Barnstead	Barnstead	Samuel Avery	Lucinda Holmes	Arteriosclerosis
Dec. 27	Strafford	Harold Caverly	29	5	18	Strafford	M		M	Farmer	Strafford	Strafford	Willie F. Caverly	Annie Gray	Anter. Poliomyelitis

All White

Brought to Strafford for Interment

1927															
Apr. 29	Rochester	Luther Verrill	78	6	15		M		W	Farmer					Gangrene Intestines
30	Nashua	Florence Benson	81	7	23	Ch'ls'twn, M.	F		W		Strafford	Peru, Me.	Leonard Caverly	Esther Hammond	Interstitial Nephritis
Aug. 22	Rochester	John Whiteh'se	87	6		Strafford	M		W	Retired	Strafford	Strafford	Jos. Whitehouse	Priscilla Brock	Arteriosclerosis
Dec. 5	Bolton, V	Hiram S. Hill	81	9	3	Manchester	M		W	Retired	Strafford		Azariah Hill	Hannah Hall	Arteriosclerosis

All White

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CLYDE R. COTTON, Town Clerk.

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